MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH CONVENTION,

OF THE

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN

OHIO AND ADJOINING TERRITORY.

CONVENED AT CANTON OHIO, IN TRINITY WEEK, A. D. 1842.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE NINETEENTH CONVENTION.

On Sunday morning, the 21st of May A. D. 1842, the Ministers and lay-delegates assembled at the Parsonage, and proceeded from thence at 10 o'clock, in regular order, to the German Lutheran Church. The solemnities of divine service were introduced by the Pastor, Rev. H. E. Melsheimer, according to the order prescribed in our Liturgy, after which Rev. M. J. Steck preached the sacramental sermon, in the German language, from Gen. 7: 1. After the sermon, the Holy Lord's Supper was administered to the ministers, lay-delegates, and a large number of the members of the church.

At the same hour, sermons were preached in the English language, by Rev. J. Manning, in the Methodist church from Heb. 4: 16;—by Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller in the Presbyterian church, from Isaiah 40: 31;—by Rev. Mr. Lehman, in the Court-house, from Matth. 7: 13, 14. and likewise by Rev. C. F. Becker, in Zion's church, 7 miles from Canton, in the German language, from 1 Cor. 13: 13.

In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Prof. C. F. Schaeffer preached in the German Lutheran Church from 2 Cor. 6: 14. in the German language; at the same time sermons were preached in the English language, by Rev. E. C. Yunge, in the Presbyterian Church, from James 5, 8;—by Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, in the Court-house, from Hosea 13: 14; and by Rev. Amos Bartholomew, in the Methodist church, from Mat. 20: 6.

In the Evening, divine service was performed in the English language by Rev. J. Mechling, in the German church, Text, John 13: 36;—by Rev. E. Greenwald, in the Court-house, Text, Mark 6: 12; and by Rev. A. Link, in the Presbyterian church, from Mark 10: 40—50.

On the Saturday previous, at 2 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. Gruber performed the service preparatory to the Holy communion, in the German language, Text. Prov. 28: 13, and in the evening, Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller preached from 1 Cor. 1: 22—24, in the English language.

These services were uniformly attended by large and devout audiences.

SYNODICAL CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, May 22, A. D. 1842, 9 o'clock A. M.

The ministers and lay-delegates assembled in the church. Rev. Father Weygandt opened the first session of the Synod, with singing and prayer. The roll was then called and the brethren present answered to their names.

From the Western District of the Ohio Synod.

PRESENT.

Rev. J. Leist, Tarleton, Pickaway co., Ohio.
" D. Schuh, Wadsworth, Medina co., Ohio.
" S. Kaemmerer, Zanesville, Ohio.
" J. Wagenhals, Lancaster, Ohio.
" Prof. C. F. Schaeffer, Columbus, Ohio.
" D. P. Rosenmiller, Dayton, Ohio.
" J. Gruber, Lewisburg, Preble co. Ohio.
" D. Cranz, Weinsburg, Holmes co. Ohio.
" H. Coloredo, New Bedford, Coshocton co. Ohio.
" P. Pence, Lancaster, Ohio.
" C. Spielman, Somerset, Ohio.
" C. F. Kunert, Mohickenville, Wayne co. Ohio.
" A. S. Link, West Charleston, Miami co. Ohio.
" J. Kraus, Bucyrus, Crawford co. Ohio.
" G. Spengler, Wapakonata, Allen co. Ohio.
Catechet, A. Doner, Lima, Allen co. Ohio.

ABSENT.

Rev. J. Stauch, with excuse.
" C. Espich, "
" A. Henkle, "
" H. Heincke "
" S. S. Kline, "
" G. H. Riemenschneider, "
" G. Clapp, "
" F. W. Fuhrman, "
" W. F. Lehman, Agent for the Theological Seminary at Columbus.
" F. A. Frankenberg, with excuse.

From the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod.

PRESENT.

Rev. H. Huet, Boardman, Trumbull co. Ohio.
" G. H. Weygandt, Chippewa, Wayne co. Ohio.

Rev. M. J. Steck, Greensburg, Pa.
" J. Mechling, Greensburg, Pa.
" C. G. Schweizerbarth, Zelionople, Pa.
" J. J. Fast, Canton, Ohio.
" H. E. Melsheimer, Canton, Ohio.
" D. Rothacker, Carrollton, Ohio.
" M. Kuchler, Erie, Pa.
" F. C. Becker, North Jackson, Trumbull co. Ohio.
" H. P. R. Muller, Washington Pa.
" B. Pope, New Rumley, Harrison co. Ohio.
" J. Zimmerman, Crawford Mills, Westmoreland co. Pa.
" S. Bartholomew, Kendall, Beaver co. Pa.

ABSENT.

Rev. J. Holsche, with excuse.

From the English Synod.

PRESENT.

Rev. J. Manning, Fultonham, Muskingum co. Ohio.
" E. Greenwald, New Philadelphia, Ohio.
" Amos Bartholomew, Zanesville, Ohio.
" J. A. Roof, Circleville, Ohio.
" Abraham Weills, Monongahela City, Wash. co. Pa.
" E. C. Yunge, New Comerstown, Tus. co. Ohio.
" A. Kuhn, Richland co. Ohio.
" Abraham Bartholomew, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

ABSENT.

Rev. E. Rathbun, without excuse.

The following Lay-delegates handed in their credentials, and took their seats as members of this Synodical Convention:

Peter Leist,	representing	the Cong's.	of Rev.	J. Leist.
Michael Kalpetzer,	"	"	"	D. Schuh.
Lewis Heyl, Esq.,	"	"	"	Prof. Schaeffer.
John Prugh,	"	"	"	D. P. Rosenmiller.
Henry Giebler,	"	"	"	D. Cranz.
Martin Kitch,	"	"	"	H. Coloredo.
Peter Obermeyer,	"	"	"	C. Spielman.
Dr. D. M. Gallwitz,	"	"	"	C. F. Kunert.
John Snyder,	"	"	"	A. S. Link.
John Mertz,	"	"	"	H. Huet.
Jacob Holzer,	"	"	"	G. H. Weygandt.
Jonas Gangwehr,	"	"	"	M. J. Steck.
Chrs. Lowengeier,	"	"	"	J. Mechling.
Michael Knauf	"	"	"	C. G. Schweizerbarth.
Jacob Harter,	"	"	"	J. J. Fast.

Jacob Leininger,	representing the	Cong's.	of Rev.	H. E. Melsheimer.
Saml. Rothacker,	"	"	"	D. Rothacker,
John Zimmerman,	"	"	"	M. Kuchler,
Michael Kistler,	"	"	"	F. C. Becker.
Adam Culp,	"	"	"	B. Pope.
John Erdman,	"	"	"	J. Zimmerman.
J. Overholt, Esq.,	"	"	"	E. Greenwald.
George Hammel,	"	"	"	J. A. Roof.
Samuel Tressel,	"	"	"	Abr. Bartholomew.

The Synodical Convention consisted, therefore, of sixty-two voting members.

The election of Officers of the Synod was now held which resulted, as follows:—

Rev. J. WAGENHALS, *President.*
Rev. C. SPIELMAN, *Secretary.*
M. NIGH, Esq., *Treasurer.*

The Trustees of the Canton Male Seminary were introduced, and presented an invitation to the Synod, to attend and participate in the exercises of the laying of the Corner Stone of their Seminary Edifice.
On motion:

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted; and that the whole Synod proceed in a body to the site.

Adjourned, until 3 o'clock P. M.—Prayer by the President.

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At the laying of the Corner Stone of the Canton Male Seminary, appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Prof. Schaeffer, and Rev. E. Greenwald, in the English language, and by Rev. C. G. Schweizerbarth in the German language.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Father Cranz.

Rev. Mr. Beilharz, a member of the Synod of Pennsylvania, appeared and notified the Synod that he had taken charge of congregations within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, and that therefore, he desired to become a member of this body.

The Rev. Mr. Lehman, a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod; Rev. Messrs. Schlosser, Hamm, Herrbruck, and Kroh, members of the German Reformed Synod; and Rev. Mr. Porter, a minister of the Presbyterian church, were introduced and received as advisory members of this Convention.

Rev. E. Greenwald was appointed by the President, to act as assistant Secretary.

The papers and documents intended for the Synod were now handed in, numbered and distributed among the following committees:

First Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Leist, Schuh, and Kaemmerer, and Messrs. P. Leist and Kalpetzer.

Second Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Huet, Weygandt and Steck, and Messrs. Mertz and Holzer.

Third Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Manning, Bartholomew and Weills, and Messrs, Overholt and Tressel.

Fourth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Rosenmiller and Gruber, and Messrs. Lowengeier and Harter.

Fifth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Mechling, Schweitzerbarth and Kugler, and Messrs. S. Rothacker and Kistler.

Sixth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Cranz, Pence and Link, and Messrs. Giebler and Kitch.

Seventh Committee.—Rev. Messrs. D. Rothacker, Becker, and Zimmerman, and Messrs. Culp and Knauf.

Eighth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Yunge, Abr. Bartholomew and S. Bartholomew, and Messrs. Hammel and Zimmerman.

Ninth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Kraus, Spengler and Pope, and Messrs. Erdman and Leininger.

Rev. Mr. Coloredo asked and obtained permission to be absent for two days to perform a pastoral duty.

On motion

Resolved, that a meeting of the Education Society be held to-morrow evening in the church.

Adjourned until Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Father Huet.

In the Evening Rev. Mr. Becker preached in the church in the German language from John 8: 24, and Rev. Prof. Schaeffer in the Court House, in the English language, from 1. Thess. 3: 1–4.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY Morning 8 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Father Leist.

Rev. Messrs. Keller and Mahnenschmidt members of the German Reformed Synod; Rev. Messrs. Keil and Hamilton members of the Independent English Synod, Rev. W. A. Wadsworth, a member of the Maryland Synod were introduced and received as advisory members of this Convention.

Rev. C. F. Kunert, and Dr. C. W. Gallwitz, Delegate from his congregation, and Rev. H. P. R. Muller, members of this body, appeared and took their seats.

Messrs Andrew Hordorf, Augustus Bernhard Bierdemann, John Isensee, Charles Adam, Philip Gast, and Richard Henning made application to be received into the Ministerial Office by this body.

The President requested the Candidates and Catechets to hand in their Journals and several written sermons, as required by the Constitution, to be examined and reported upon by the ordained Ministers to whom he referred them.

Report of the First Committee.

THE first Committee having carefully examined the papers consigned to them, would present the following report:—

No. 1. is a letter from the Evangelic Lutheran Churches in and about Tif-

fin, Seneca County, Ohio, in which they express their full satisfaction with the Rev. J. J. Beilharz, formerly a member of the Synod of Pennsylvania, whom they have called as their Pastor, and recommend him to a favorable reception as a member of this Synod.

No. 2. contains a recommendation and honorable dismission of Rev. J. J. Beilharz, signed by Rev. C. Miller, President of the Synod of Pennsylvania, of which body, Rev. Beilharz had been for a number of years, a member.

Your Committee recommend that Rev. Br. Beilharz, be received as a member of this body, but that according to a standing resolution of this Synod, a colloquium be first held with him.

No's. 3 and 4 are letters from St. Matthew's and St. Luke's churches in Butler County Pa., in which they express their satisfaction with their Minister, Rev. J. Isensee, who had been licensed as a candidate by Rev. J. P. Cline President of the Synod of Maryland. They also petition the Synod to receive Mr. Isensee as a member and to renew his license.

Your Committee move that a colloquium be likewise held with Mr. Isensee.

No's 5—8 contain likewise satisfactory testimonials from the Congregations of Catechet Doner, in which they petition the Synod to permit them to retain him as their Minister, and desire that he may be promoted in office.

Your Committee move that this petition be considered in the Ministerial Convention.

No's 9 and 10, are memorials from the Congregations of Candidate G. Spengler in Allen and Putnam Counties, and from the Congregations of Candidate J. Kraus in Crawford and Seneca Counties, in which they express their satisfaction with the deportment and ministrations of their Ministers, and their desire to retain their services longer.

J. LEIST,
D. SCHUH,
S. KÆMMERER, } Committee.
M. KALPETZER,
P. LEIST.

On motion,

Resolved, That this report be accepted and the petitions for reception into Synod and promotion in office be considered in the Ministerial Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Birket of the Methodist Church was introduced and the usual courtesies extended.

Report of the Second Committee.

The Second Committee would report as follows:

No. 11 is a complaint signed by 27 members of St. James Church, near the Mohican, Holmes County Ohio, of which Rev. Mr. Kunert, a member of this Synod is Pastor, against the Rev. Mr. Sloan, a member of the Independent English Synod of Ohio, in which they represent that the said Sloan intruded into their Congregation, and caused disturbance by his disorderly proceedings. The memoralists therefore pray the Synod to take such action in the case as may be necessary to restore peace and order in their Church. As however the Synod to which Mr. Sloan belongs has declared itself independent of this Synod, your Committee can come to no decision, except to express regret that a professed Minister of the Gospel of peace and love, should be capable of such conduct, and to move that the Synod of which Mr. Sloan is a member be earnestly requested by this Synod to bring him to order.

No. 12, is a memorial from the Church Councils of the Congregations of Hamilton and Rossville Ohio, in which they testify to the good conduct and Evangelical doctrines of their Minister, A. Hordorf, who has ministered to them for about six months, and petition that he be received as a Member of this Synod and be settled as their Minister.

The Committee move that this subject be considered in the Ministerium.

No 13, is a letter from Rev. Mr. Clapp, in which he communicates the reasons that prevented his attendance at Synod, and prays the Synod to excuse his absence. He gives his Parochial Reports and mentions that he has transmitted

$22 to the Synod by the hands of Rev. A. Link of which $11 are intended for the Synodical Treasury and $11 for the Education Society.

The Committee move that Rev. Mr. Clapp be excused.

No 14, is a petition from the Churches in and about Wooster Ohio, in which they pray the Synod that Rev. J. Mechling be appointed their Minister. As however Rev. Mr. Mechling is an ordained Minister, and according to the Constitution has authority to act in this matter according to his own convictions, therefore your committee is of the opinion that no resolution is necessary on this subject.

H. HUET,
H. G. WEYGANDT,
M. J. STECK,
J. HOLZER,
J. MERTZ.
} Committee.

Resolved, That the subject of Mr. Hordorf's reception be referred to the Ministerium; and that Br. Clapp be excused.

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Fast, Roof and Manning, and Messrs. Obermeyer, Heyl and Gangwehr to examine and report upon the state of the Treasury.

Adjourned until the afternoon—Prayer by Br. Manning.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY 2 o'clock P. M.

Opened with prayer by Prof. Schæffer.

Report of the Third Committee.

The committee to whom were consigned documents marked No. 15, 16 and 17 for examination, would report:—

No. 13, is a friendly letter from the Rev. Mr. Thummel, Corresponding Secretary of the Evangelic Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, in which in the name of the Synod, he assures us of their fraternal sentiments toward us, and that the Synod requests that in addition to the transmission of our Minutes, we would occasionally communicate to them a friendly letter. Your Committee heartily rejoice at this evidence of the brotherly love and friendship of the Sister Synod of South Carolina toward us, and would offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Members of this Synod gratefully acknowledge and reciprocate the friendly feeling of our brethren in South Carolina, and that the Rev. E. Greenwald be appointed to answer the above letter and assure them of our friendship and brotherly love.

No. 16, is a copy of the Minutes of the last Convention of the Synod of the West, from which it appears that our brethren of the far West are zealously engaged in extending the kingdom of Christ. The Officers of this Sister Synod are Rev. G. Yeager President, Rev. J. J. Lehmanosky Secretary, and Rev. D. Scherer Treasurer.

No. 17, is a Communication from the Church Councils of the Congregations of Rev. C. Spielman transmitting to the Synod a copy of a number of appropriate and useful resolutions passed at their last Convention. Your Committee would call the attention of the Synod to the sixth resolution adopted at the above named Convention of Church Councils, upon the subject of Sunday Schools; and offer for adoption the following preamble and resolution;

WHEREAS Sunday Schools are too much neglected, and their importance and benefit to the growing youth of the Church not sufficiently considered, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to all our Churches in which Sunday Schools are not established, that they be introduced as soon as possible.

J. MANNING,
A. BARTHOLOMEW,
ABR. WEILLS,
J. OVERHOLT,
S. TRESSEL.
} Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolutions offered by the committee be adopted.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

The Fourth committee, after attending to the duties of their appointment, would report:

Nos. 18—20, are testimonials from the Churches served by Candidates, B. Pope, A. Link, and J. Zimmerman in which thay express their satisfaction with the doctrine and deportment of these young brethren, with the request that their Licenses be renewed, and that they be permitted to continue among them as their Ministers. Your Committee rejoice at these favorable testimonials, and move that the prayer of these Congregations be considered in the Ministerium.

No. 21, is a letter from Mr. Charles Adam in which he applies for admission into our Synod as a Minister. The Committee move that Mr. Adam be admitted to Examination.

No. 22, is a letter from the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Zelionople Pa., in which are a number of resolutions intended for the particular consideration of the Synod, the substance of which is as follows:

1. That the Ministers and Churches in connection with this Synod be earnestly admonished to act more efficiently for the Education Society.
2. That they have remarked with regret that the Western District effected so little for this important object.
3. That the Monies collected for this object within the Eastern District, should be distributed among the Students from this District alone.
4. That the Seminary at Columbus can only reach the high position which it ought to occupy, when a College shall be connected therewith.
5. That the number of subscribers to the Kirchenzeitung should amount to 10,000 to ensure its permanence.
6. That the Synod be requested to publish a new edition of the English Catechism.
7. That the Synod should lift up its voice like a trumpet against the false doctrines that are constantly becoming more prevalent and that may be regarded as the plainest signs of these latter evil times.

The Committee move for adoption, the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Ministers connected with this Synod be earnestly requested to use their utmost efforts to collect monies in their Churches to aid indigent pious young men in pursuing their studies for the Gospel Ministry at Columbus Theological Seminary.

2. That the Synod, for want of the necessary means, cannot yet connect a College with the Theological Seminary but that we will make every exertion to erect such an Institution as soon as possible.

3. That a Committee of three Ministers be appointed to superintend the printing of an edition of 3000 copies of the Lutheran Catechism in the English Language, with the 21 Articles of the Augsburg Confession annexed.

4. That it is the duty of every Lutheran Minister to defend the doctrines of the Church according to the spirit of the Gospel.

D. P. ROSENMILLER,
J. GRUBER,
C. LOWENGEIER,
J. HARTER.
} Committee.

Resolved, That the resolutions offered by the committee in the above report be adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. Schæffer, E. Greenwald, and Amos Bartholomew constitute the committee to superintend the printing of the Catechism.

On motion of Prof. Schæffer,

Resolved, That this synod acknowledges with gratitude the interest which the Kirchenzeitung, has taken in the welfare of our Seminary, thereby promoting the high objects of its establishment.

Resolved, That we regard the Kirchenzeitung, published by Prof. Schmidt in Pittsburgh Pa. and which we have recommended to our Churches, as a true and efficient friend of the Lutheran Church, and her pure doctrines and ancient usages.

Adjourned—prayer by Br. Mechling.

In the Evening Rev. Amos Bartholomew preached in the Court House. In the German Church a meeting of the Education Society was held. See Appendix.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock A. M.

Opened with prayer by Father Weygandt.

The President appointed the following additional committees to examine and report upon papers received since the commencement of Synod:—

Tenth Committee.—Rev. Leist and Mechling and Mr. Hammel.

Eleventh Committee.—Rev. Schweizerbarth, and Kæmmerer, and Mr. Erdman.

Twelfth Committee.—Rev. Manning and L. Heyl and J. Overholt Esqrs.

The Rev. Messrs. J. B. Reck, and S. Ritz members of the Independent English Synod, were introduced and received as advisory members.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Ministerial Convention now hold a short session. (For the proceedings of the Ministerium, see the end of the Minutes.)

At half past 9 o'clock the Synodical Convention again proceeded to business.

The Rev. Br. Beilharz, having been received in the Ministerial Convention as a member, took his seat, together with Mr. Valentine Seewald, the Delegate from his congregations.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Schweitzerbarth, be appointed to receive the contributions for Foreign Missions, and hand them over to Prof. Schmidt in Pittsburgh.

Resolved. That Rev. J. A Roof be appointed Treasurer of the Synod, and Rev. P. Pence, Treasurer of the Education Society, *pro tempore.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of the Theological Seminary shall be the order of the day for this afternoon.

On motion,

Resolved, That the officers of this Synod, transmit to the President of the Independent English Synod, a transcript of the complaint and proceeding in the case of Mr. Sloan, a member of that Synod.

On Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Giebler, Delegate from the congregations of Rev. Mr. Cranz, be excused, at his request, from further attendance.

Report of the fifth Committee.

The fifth committee would respectfully report:

No. 23. is a circular, signed by Rev. Messrs. Stohlman, Maschop, Meyer, Wetzel, Saul, Rechenberg, Fetter, and Kempe, containing a plan for the formation of a German General Synod. Your committee move that all German Synods, that are, and desire to remain, purely Lutheran, should unite themselves together, to preserve the purity of the doctrine of our church; to place the Columbus Theological Seminary upon that high position which it ought to occupy; to uphold the German language; and to circulate more extensively the Kirchenzeitung.

No. 24 is a letter from Rev. Father Espich, in which he assigns the infirmities of age as the cause of his absence; requests to be excused; and declares to the Synod his resolution, now, to lay down his sacred office, after having labored 52 years as an ordained minister in the vineyard of the Lord, and in the 76th year of his age.

No. 25 is a memorial from the Evan. Lutheran Church in Uniontown, Stark co., Ohio, in which they petition for a minister, "who is neither poisoned by Rationalism nor Methodism." They intimate that there are other congregations in the neighborhood, which, together with their own, would form a Pastoral district, able to support the ministrations of the Gospel. They pray that the presence of the Most High may attend the deliberations of the Synod.

No 26 are the Minutes of the English General Synod, which contain nothing in reference to our body, except the report of a committee upon the Minutes of the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod.

C. G. SCHWEIZER BARTH.
J. MECHLING,
M. KUGLER,
S. ROTHACKER,
M. KISTLER.
} Committee.

Resolved, That the request of Father Espich to be excused, be not only granted, but that we likewise desire that our acknowledgment of his services and our best wishes for his welfare may accompany him into his retirement.

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Schuh, and Dr. Bierdeman provided he be received a member of this Ministerium, be appointed to visit the congregations in Uniontown and vicinity.

Report of the sixth Committee.

The sixth committee would present the following report:

No. 27, is a letter from Rev. Br. Heincke, in which he prays to be excused on account of his non-attendance; transmits his collection for the Synod, and the Education Society, accompanied by 5 copies of the minutes of sister Synods, and his Parochial reports. He also requests permission to express to the Synod the feelings of his heart, in reference to some important subjects, in a written

communication, and prays that the spirit of truth, and light, and comfort may direct the deliberations of the Synod. Your committee would be inclined to move that on account of the important contents of this letter, it be read before the Synod; but as it appears that there is yet much business to be transacted at this session, the committee will only select the most important parts of the letter, and where necessary, offer some resolutions.

First, the wish is expressed, that the union between the Eastern and Western District Synods, and the English Synod should be preserved and continued, that it may be said of us, as it was said of the primitive church, "They are of one heart and of one mind." Also that we should endeavor to enter into a nearer fraternal union with the mother Synod of Pennsylvania, and with all such as are of one mind with us. Unity of spirit, and brotherly concord are necessary that the Law of the Lord may retain the victory. Those that rightly divide the Word of Truth, should not seek the honor which is of the world, nor be solicitous to imitate the spirit, modes and opinions of the times, but they should seek to be faithful and irreproachable servants of God.

Secondly; That we should pursue our heavenly calling and perform the work of God, with humility and modesty, because the glory is not *ours* but the *Lord's*. If He the Searcher of all hearts, knows our service and faith; our fidelity and love, it should be a matter of small moment to us to have our achievements trumpeted abroad in the public papers, the object of which is not always to give glory to God, but to praise one's self.

Thirdly: That we should be satisfied with the spiritnal weapons and the means of Grace, which Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church has himself instituted and given into our hands—they are sufficient and approved. They were in the hands of the Apostles; in the hands of Luther and the Reformers, and it is not necessary that we resort to every new measure that may be invented by men. Our church has not yet needed to borrow strange fire from others. She had operated and accomplished good by a host of pious and qualified men, before these existed.

Fourthly: it is remarked in this letter, that it appears from the Minutes of some Synods, particulaly from a resolution of the Synod of the West, that they seek to slander and condemn the Kirchenzeitung, because in many points it does not harmonize with the sentiments of the so called "Lutheran Observer;" which paper is certainly not infallible, nor is it the organ, nor the oracle of the Lutheran Church. As the Kirchenzeitung has ever resolutely defended the institutions of the Christian Religion, and particularly the views of the Lutheran Church against the attacks of every one that opposed them, so, our Rev. Brother thinks, it is our duty to take the Kirchenzeitung under our care and expose the calumnies of those, who perhaps, cannot read that paper, and therefore, condemn in ignorance.

Finally, he enquires of the Synod, whether the present, would not be a suitable time to publish a new Hymn-Book, in the English and German languages; as the Hymn-Books, now introduced are so defective.

Your committee move, that in reference to the general subjects embraced in the first three points, our Brother receive our thanks for his good wishes, and fraternal admonitions and that we will endeavor to observe them. In reference to the particular subject alluded to in the first point, your committee move, that we express to the members of the English Synod who remained in connection with this Synod our high regard, our brotherly love; and our warmest thanks for their fidelity and firmness; for their patience and humility, which they had so much occasion to exercise.

In reference to the fourth point your committee move; (taking for granted that the committee to which the minutes of sister Synods were assigned for examination, will notice the resolution of the Synod of the West.) That the Rev. Prof. Schmidt of Pittsburg, the energetic and talented Editor of the Kirchenzeitung, has merited from this Synod a public expression of regard and thanks for his praiseworthy exertions to uphold the pure doctrines of the Lutheran church, and that each member of this Synod should make it his duty to assist strenuously in supporting the Kirchenzeitung.

Finally, in reference to the hymn-book, the committee would leave the subject in the hands of the Synod to take such action thereon as may be thought desirable and practicable.

No. 28, is a letter from candidate J. E. Schultz, dated New Germantown, Wayne Co. Indiana, in which he states that he received Candidate license from the Synod of Pennsylvania, travelled as a Missionary into the State of Indiana, and by the advice of Rev. Br. Heincke took charge of the Church in New Germantown together with two neighboring Churches. He desires to connect himself with our Synod, and particularly because it is the wish of his Congregations, which had been organized and were for a while supplied by Ministers belonging to our Synod. Exhausted by a long journey which he recently made, and on account of the great distance, he was unable to attend the present meeting of the Synod; but that he thought proper thus to communicate his wishes and intentions; designing to attend personally the next meeting of the Western District Synod and apply for membership. For recommendations as to his moral character, he refers the Synod to Rev. Prof. Schmidt, Rev. Heincke and Schweizerbarth.

D. CRANZ,
PH. PENCE,
A. S. LINK, } Committee.
H. GIEBLER,
M. KITCH.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

Resolved, That Br. Heincke be excused.

Resolved, That the Synod regards it as unsuitable at the present time to make any alterations in our Hymn Book.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

The seventh Committe to which were assigned documents, marked from No. 29 to 32, beg leave to Report:—

No. 29, is a letter from Rev. Prof. Schmidt of Pittsburgh in which he informs the Synod, that he was appointed a delegate from the Synod of Pennsylvania to attend the Convention of the Ohio Synod, but that with the approbation and advice of several Members of this body he prefered to attend the Meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod (both bodies meeting on the same day) to act in behalf of the Seminary at Columbus. He desires that the following subjects should engage the attention of this Synod:—

1. The necessity of a general Education Society in behalf of the Students at Columbus.

2. Appropriate resolutions in reference to the Kirchenzeitung, because in Ohio that paper had been calumniated by the Independent English Synod; and also by the Synod of the West.

3. To take some action, that in the course of time a General Synod may be formed to preserve the purity of the Church and her doctrines.

In reference to the first point, your Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any resolution, as another committee reported on the subject.

In reference to the second point, your committee would suggest that from the resolutions of neither of the above named Synods can the Kirchenzeitung receive much injury.

In reference to the third point the Committee desire to offer no resolution, as the subject has already been before the Synod.

No. 30, is a letter from Rev. Holsche, in which he states that in consequence of feeble health he could not attend the meeting of the Synod, transmits his parochial reports, sends his collection for the Synod and prays to be excused for his non attendance.

The Committee move that Br. Holsche be excused.

No. 31, is a letter from Mr. Charles G. Reichert of Zanesville Ohio, in which he states that he had attended the meeting of the Western District held at Wooster Ohio and applied for admission; that he had been counseled first to seek Congregations, and the President would then transmit him a License; and as he is now about to enter into engagement with a Congregation, he intends in accordance with the Resolution of the Western District Synod to apply with petitions from congregations, to the President for a License.

No. 32, is a letter from Rev. G. H. Reimenschneider in which he assigns indisposition as the cause of his absence from the meeting of Synod and therefore asks to be excused. He also warns the Synod against a certain Mosebach, who should have expressed himself unbecomingly concerning the Synod, gives his parochial report and prays for the blessing of God to attend the Synod.

Your Committee move that Father Riemenschneider be excused.

D. ROTHACKER,
J. ZIMMERMAN,
F. C. BECKER,
M. KNAUF,
A. CULP.
} Committee.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Holsche and Riemenschneider be excused.

The Synod adjourned till the afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Roof.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Opened with prayer, by Br. Gruber.

The President, as Secretary of the Board of Directors, laid before the Synod the following Report on the Theological Seminary at Columbus.

COLUMBUS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REPORT of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbus, to the Joint Synod of Ohio, convened at Canton, on Trinity week, (May,) A. D. 1842.

AT the meeting of the Joint Synod of Ohio held in Columbus in Trinity week A. D. 1839 an attempt was made, by the presentation of a subscription list, to procure contributions for the purpose of placing the Institution upon a firmer foundation, of finishing fully the present Seminary edifice, and of rendering more secure for the future, the Professor's salary which had hitherto been paid out of the Synodical Treasury. The members then present manifested their zeal and willingness to promote this important object by subscribing immediately about $1500, and they authorized the Board of Directors to employ agents to visit the churches and obtain additional subscriptions to an amount sufficient to accomplish the permanent establishment of our Institution. In June 1839 therefore, the Board made arrangements with Rev. C. Henkel and Rev. C. Spielman to travel as agents through the Synodical District for several months, to solicit voluntary contributions for this object. At the same time the sum of $400 was set apart to finish the upper story of the Seminary building for the reception of students.

The lamented Br. Henkel, now in eternity, was not able, in consequence of pressing ministerial duties, to do more than visit Delaware Ohio; and as he requested the Board to accept his resignation of the office of Agent, the Rev. C. Spielman was appointed sole General Agent, who resigned his pastoral charge and devoted his whole time and energies to the work of the agency.—He labored in this arduous employment, with the most devoted zeal, from the 26th of August 1839 to the 2d of April 1841, during which time he obtained subscriptions to the amount of $23,496 97 1-2. If ever a member of our Synod deserved the warmest thanks of the church for his self-denying labors for her good, Br. Spielman is that member. May God richly bless him and his, for his zeal and persevering faithfulness in the service of the Lord!

On the 1st of November 1839 it pleased the Lord of life and death to remove our worthy Professor Schmidt from his station among us, to a better world, and to higher employments in heaven. Summoned by this mournful dispensation

of Providence, the Board of Directors endeavored as soon as possible to fill the vacant station in our Institution, by calling another Professor. It appeared at first difficult to make a choice for this important post, which would at the same time promote the welfare of the Institution and meet the approbation of the church, but when the Board met, those difficulties vanished and the path of duty appeared plain. All the members of the Board were of one mind as to the person to be chosen, and in this opinion we were strengthened from all sides, viz: to induce if possible, the Rev. Dr. Demme of Philadelphia to accept the situation. A formal call was therefore, directed to him, but circumstances and relations, which it is not necessary here to introduce, caused the Board ultimately not to insist upon his acceptance; nevertheless the Directors still indulge the hope that our Lord and Master may so order events that Dr. Demme may yet labor for our church in the West, as a Professor in the Theological Seminary at Columbus.

During the winter of 1839–40 no instruction was given in the Seminary.—The majority of the Students returned to their homes, and a few pursued the study of the languages in Greenfield Seminary, near Lancaster, under the direction of Mr. Williams a highly competent teacher.

In March 1840 the Secretary, by authority of the Board, purchased the valuable library of the late Prof. Schmidt, for the Seminary Library, which is now put up in the room intended for that purpose, for the use of the Professors and Students.

On motion of Dr. Boerstler, a member of the Board of Directors, a letter was despatched to our present worthy Professor Schaeffer, then Pastor of the Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Upon this invitation he visited the Institution in April 1840, made himself acquainted with the requirements of the constitution, and as he expressed his satisfaction with the conditions, on which the Board desired to secure his services, a final agreement was immediately made, and he entered upon the duties of his office in Trinity week of the same year, after a public Inauguration service held in St. Paul's church in Columbus. With untiring zeal, and to the full satisfaction of the Board of Directors, has he performed the duties of his office, and under his direction the Institution has constantly risen, so that at the present time all the rooms in the Seminary building, devoted to the students, are filled. The several examinations held since his connection with the Institution, exhibited plainly, that he spared no labor, to improve the understandings and cultivate the hearts of the pupils confided to his care, and the Directors indulge the pleasing hope that under his care, many well qualified ministers of the Gospel may be prepared, so that the pressing want of ministers in our church may be gradually supplied.

As however, the services rendered by him were too many and severe for one man, and as it was feared that if all those duties continued to be performed by him alone, his valuable life might in a short time be sacrificed and his services as Theological Professor be lost to the church, therefore it was resolved at the session of the Board in the fall of 1840, to elect Mr. C. Jucksch, as Teacher of Languages and the other sciences. Mr. Jucksch exhibited also by the zeal and fidelity with which he discharged the duties of Teacher, his warm interest in the prosperity of the Institution; and his pupils exhibited at each examination that they enjoyed the instruction of a highly competent and experienced teacher; and the Board cannot forbear to express thus publicly their full satisfaction with him as a well qualified Instructor. The Board has however, to inform the Synod that Mr. Jucksch resigned last winter his station, and he will retire from the Institution at the end of the next session. In April 1841, Judge C. Heyl resigned his appointment as a member of the Board of Directors, and L. Heyl, Esq., was elected to fill his situation during his unexpired term of service. In the same month Rev. D. Rothacker was requested, upon the proposal of Rev. C. Spielman, to travel for two months as Agent for the Seminary in the North East part of the State of Ohio, and his exertions were crowned with good success. He obtained subscriptions to the amount of $2,160 for the Seminary—a considerable sum when the situation of the district through which he travelled, and its distance from the Seminary is considered. His willingness to promote the interests of the Church is thankfully acknowledged

by the Board, and our prayer is, that the Lord may remunerate him abundantly for his arduous labors.

As the number of students increased with each session and no more room could be obtained for their reception, either in the Seminary building or in the immediate neighborhood, the erection of another edifice for the Boarding and Lodging of the Students, was rendered indispensably necessary. The Board, therefore, contracted in January 1842 with several mechanics for the erection of such a building; which if no unforseen obstacles interpose, will probably be completed by the first of October next, and thus obviate the unpleasant necessity of refusing the admission of new students for want of room to accommodate them.

The Board has also the pleasure to inform the Rev. Synod that the Rev. Frederick Winkler of Newark, N. Jersey has accepted a call to a Professorship in our Seminary. This worthy Brother is expected to arrive at the Institution about the 1st of October next, and the Directors flatter themselves with the hope that under the direction of two Professors like Prof. Schaeffer and Prof. Winkler, the Institution, will, with the blessing of God, flourish to such an extent, that we can soon hasten with the bread of life, to our languishing brethren in the far West, and that all the pressing calls of the church for ministerial aid may be supplied.

The honorable members of the corporation of Zion's and St. Michael's Evan. Lutheran Churches in Philadelphia city, who have ever been favorable to our Institution, voted last winter, a donation of $400 in its behalf. How acceptable to the Board such an assistance was in the present times of scarcity of money, the Synod can easily conceive, and we feel therefore, obligated to give public expression to our grateful acknowledgements of the important aid thus kindly bestowed.

That we may be enabled to encourage pious young men to devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry, and for the purpose of obtaining funds wherewith to assist them in acquiring the necessary education, the objects of the Education Society, should be prosecuted with zeal and earnestness. As, however, it is to be feared that a sufficient amount cannot be collected for this purpose in Ohio, therefore, the Board resolved to appoint Rev. W. A. Lehman as Agent to labor for this object in East Pennsylvania. He accepted the Agency, and started for Lancaster Pa., on the 11th of May inst., with proper credentials and an address to the Synod of Pennsylvania; and our wish and prayer is that the Lord may so incline the hearts of those Brethren, that they may embrace their brethren of the faith in the West, and out of their rich abundance, impart a present to our needy students.

It is the wish of the Board that a committee should be appointed by the Synod to examine and report upon the accompanying Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary. Notwithstanding the Board has managed the pecuniary affairs of the Institution with all possible care and economy still the deficiency of money to provide for the necessary wants of the Institution was often very pinchingly felt.

The Board cannot forbear to acknowledge with gratitude the efficient aid which the *Kirchenzeitung* has rendered to our Seminary; and the Board would express the wish that this periodical may be effectively supported by all the friends of the Seminary, for we may hope that the Seminary will flourish the more, in proportion as the Kirchenzeitung is circulated and sustained.

As the term of service of four members of the Board, will end at this Meeting of the Synod, permit the Board to remind the Synod of the importance of electing such members as do not reside too far from Columbus, and of whom it may be expected, that they will regularly attend the sessions of the Board.

Finally, the Board would ask the Synod for counsel in reference to the monies subscribed for the Seminary; many of the subscribers alter their places of residence, or depart this life, and others refuse to pay. What in such circumstances, is to be done? An answer to the above question, given in the Minutes of the Synod, would greatly lessen the difficulties of the Board, and whatever advice the Synod may give, will be conscientiously observed. With the best intentions, men can still often err; and this may likewise easi-

ly have been the case with the members of the Board; they however, have ever sought, according to the best of their knowledge, to promote the welfare of the Institution, which lays so near to the hearts of us all; if however the Rev. Synod should disapprove of any of the past proceedings of the Board, we beg the Synod duly to correct and instruct, or kindly to excuse.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

JACOB LEIST, *President.*

JOHN WAGENHALS, *Sec'ry.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Directors be received, and given to a committee of the Synod for examination and report.

The President appointed, Rev. Messrs. Rothacker, Cranz, Roof and Mechling said committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary at Columbus which had been transmitted to the Synod was now presented, and on motion,

Resolved, That it be read publicly before the Synod, by the Secretary.

Another report on the same subject was laid before the Synod by Lewis Heyl Esqr.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be given to a Committee for examination and report consisting of Rev. Messrs. Schweitzerbarth and Amos Bartholomew and Mr. G. Hammel.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

The committee into whose hands the Minutes of several Synods were given for examination would respectfully report:

No. 33-37 are the Minutes of the Synods of New York, Maryland, West Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and North Carolina Synods. These minutes contain nothing that has particular reference to this body. Your committee percieve with joy that the Brethren of these Synods are laboring with fidelity and zeal to promote the cause of Christ and their labors are attended with success.

No. 38, are the Minutes of the Western District of the Ohio Synod. This Synod consists of 17 ordained ministers and 6 licensed candidates. At the last Synodical convention a resolution was adopted in reference to an English religious periodical, in which the brethren of the other Districts are called upon to render their efficient and mutual aid. Allusion is likewise made in these minutes, by some forcible remarks, to the unhappy separation in the English Synod of Ohio.

No. 39, are the Minutes of the Ev. Lutheran English Synod of Ohio. The officers are, Rev. James Manning, Prest., Rev. E. Greenwald Secretary, and Rev. A. Bartholomew Treasurer. Those brethren, united in heart and mind, labor with fidelity and zeal in the service of their great Master. From the report of the President, it appears that the Seminary at Columbus is in a flourshing condition, and that the exertions that have been made to establish the Institution upon a permanent foundation, have been blessed by the Lord. The Institution is already a rich source of blessings for our church in the West, and we indulge the confident expectation that by the blessing of God, and under the direction of our worthy Professors, the Institution will send out many faithful heralds of the Gospel. This should fill our hearts not only with joy; but also with gratitude to God.

In these Minutes are several resolutions concerning the proposed religious paper, the principal objects of whose establishment are, to explain and defend the doctrines of our church; to promote virtue and piety, and to awaken an increased interest in the prosperity of our Zion. The title of the paper is to be "*The Lu-*

theran Standard," and Rev. E. Greenwald is nominated as Editor. Appended to these Minutes is a concise defence of the English Synod against certain erroneous statements that had been published in reference to an unhappy event—which defence is designed to place the proceedings and the position of that body in a proper light before the public.

E. C. YUNGE,
ABR. BARTHOLOMEW,
S. BARTHOLOMEW,
G. HAMMEL,
J. ZIMMERMAN.
} Committee.

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbus, and report thereon, would present for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod acknowledges with the warmest thanks, the zeal and self-denying labors of the Rev. C. Spielman, as Agent for the Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of the Synod cannot forbear to embrace the present occasion to testify their heartfelt joy, on account of the liberal subscriptions that were given for the Seminary; and to express thus publicly to the benevolent and worthy subscribers, their sincere thanks for their liberality, and to pray that the blessing of the Most High may be richly bestowed upon them for the interest they have so efficiently manifested in the prosperity of the Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod acknowledges with gratitude the zealous and effectual exertions of the Board of Directors, so speedily to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Rev. Prof. Schmidt; and rejoice that they have succeeded in obtaining a man that gives such general satisfaction as our present Professor. The Board of Directors likewise deserve our gratitude for the manner in which they have discharged all the other duties of their office, to promote the prosperity of the Institution.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod through the President, express to Rev. Professor Schaeffer their thanks for the able, faithful, and conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his important station in our Institution.

5. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors are requested to publish to the Church all the necessary expenditures for the Institution, that those who have subscribed for its support, may be assured of the proper application of their contributions, and of the necessity for the prompt payment of their instalments as they become due; and should any refuse to pay the sums voluntarily subscribed by them, the Board shall be empowered to take such measures as they may think proper to secure their payment.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to appoint as soon as possible, a suitable person to act as Agent for the Seminary in collecting subscriptions in the Western District of the Synod of Ohio.

7. *Resolved*. That the Synod acknowledges with gratitude the liberal and very welcome donation in behalf of our Seminary, from Zion's and St. Michael's Churches Philadelphia Pa.

Respectfully submitted.

D. ROTHACKER,
D. CRANZ,
J. A. ROOF,
J. MECHLING.
} Committee.

Resolved, That the Resolutions offered by the Committee be adopted.

Report of the Committee upon the Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.

The Committee appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary, have found the same correct, viz: Receipts $2,768 48; Disbursements

$2,380 36, leaving a balance of $388 12, in the hands of the Treasurer; of which however the greater part, is uncurrent money.

C. G. SCHWEITZERBARTH,
AMOS BARTHOLOMEW,
G. HAMMEL.

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

On Motion,

Resolved, That we now proceed to an Election of Directors of the Seminary; the term of service having expired, for which Rev Messrs. H. Heincke and E. Greenwald, and Messrs. John Leist and Michael Nigh had been elected.

The Election was held by ballot and resulted as follows:

E. GREENWALD, } Ministers.
C. SPIELMAN. }
J. LEIST, } Laymen.
M. NIGH. }

Adjourned, Prayer by Rev. Rosenmiller.

This evening Rev. Beilharz preached in the Church in the German Language, Text, Rom. 8: 1; and Rev. E. Greenwald in the Court House in the English Language, Text, Mark. 1: 15.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY Morning 8 o'clock.

Opened with Prayer by Rev. Greenwald.

The Education Society held a short session. (See Appendix.)

After the Society adjourned, the Synod proceeded with its business.

On motion the following preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas the regulation has been early adopted in our Theological Seminary located at Columbus, that Theological Students of good character, and bearing their own expenses, should be received from all other denominations, and as already several Students belonging to the German Reformed Church have pursued their Theological Studies there, and now labor in that Church, therefore be it,

Resolved, That this Synod regards the above named regulation as still in force; and that Students of all other denominations may be received provided they possess the requisite qualifications.

The Committee appointed to examine the state of the Synodica Treasury would report as follows:

They have found the accounts correct, and satisfactory vouchers for all disbursements.

Total receipts from 1839 to 1842,	$891 67
Disbursement as per receipts	757 46
Balance in the Treasury,	$134 21

Of the latter sum, the Treasurer loaned to the Board of Directors of the Seminary on the 12th of April 1842, $109 50, for which a note was exhibited with the above accounts. An uncurrent $10 note likewise accompanied the papers. Your Committee move that the loan made by the Treasurer to the Board of Directors of the Seminary be approved, and that the above named note, together with the $10 uncurrent money be remitted through Rev. J. A. Roof to the Treasurer.

In the name of the Committee.

L. HEYL, Chairman.

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

Report of the Tenth Committee.*

Your Committee would respectfully report:

No. 40, is a letter from Rev. S. S Klein in which he states that in consequence of indisposition he is deprived of the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Synod, and asks to be excused. He further informs the Synod, that in obedience to his appointment as Delegate to the German Reformed Synod, he attended its Convention in Delaware; that nothing however was transacted in said body, having special reference to our Synod. Finally he presents his parochial reports and prays for the blesssing of the Lord, upon the Synod.

Your Committee move that Br. Klein be excused.

No. 41, is a letter from Candidate F. W. Fuhrman in which he expresses his regret that, in consequence of the distance at which he resides from the place of meeting, and his want of means, he is unable to attend the present Convention of the Synod, and prays to be excused, and to have license renewed. He transmits his parochial report and a collection of $5, of which $3, is for the Synodical Treasury, and the remaining $2, is his own contribution to the Education Society.

Your Committee move that Bro. Fuhrman be excused.

J. LEIST,
J. MECHLING, } Committee.
G. HAMMEL.

Resolved, That these brethren be excused, and that the subject of renewing Mr. Fuhrman's license be referred to the Ministerium.

At the request of Rev. Mechling, and the lay-delegate from his Congregations, leave of absence from the remainder of the session was granted.

Report of the Eleventh Committee.

The Eleventh Committee would report as follows:

No. 42, is a call from Helfer's, Reidenaur's, and Spengler's Congregations in Franklin Co. Ohio in behalf of Mr. Philip Gast, in which they petition the Synod to appoint him their Minister. Your Committee move that their petition be granted in case Mr. Gast passes the Examination.

No. 43, is a letter from the Rev. J. H. Bernheim in which he expresses the wish to attach himself to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, although his application for a dismission from Rev. C. P. Krauth, President of the West Pennsylvania Synod, was not granted.

No. 44, is a letter from Rev. C. P. Krauth, President of the West Pennsylvania Synod in which he declines the application of Rev. Bernheim, on the ground that the Constitution of the West Pennsylvania Synod, does not give him the power to grant dismissions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. SCHWEITZERBARTH,
S. KÆMMERER, } Committee.
J. ERDMAN.

Report of the Twelfth Committee.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. J. H. Hoffman respecting the Columbus Seminary, respectfully report:—

That the writer after invoking the blessing of God upon the deliberations of this body, at its present Convention proceeds to say. "Not having had the evidence pro and con of the probable relation we would sustain to 'Columbus Seminary,' after the Meeting of our Synod at Zanesville; when Rev. Br. Spielman came to my charge to raise funds for said Seminary, the Con-

* The Report of the Ninth Committee, which so far as I can recollect contained nothing of importance, was mislaid at the Meeting of Synod, and could not since be found. SECRETARY.

gregations subscribed under the impression that they would have an interest in the Institution. As I was unavoidably absent myself from Synod, and under the impression that whatever may have been the nature of our proceedings at Zanesville, they could not have been such as to have deprived our Synod from an interest in the Directorship of the Seminary,* I urged the Congregations aforesaid to subscribe. The question with my Congregations is this, 'Have we indeed, as we have supposed an interest (through the English Lutheran Synod of Ohio to which we belong) in the Directorship of the Seminary at Columbus?' If so we of course will pay our subscription; if we have been under a wrong impression when we subscribed, we think all obligation to pay, ceases as soon as we are apprized of this latter fact. These Churches wish to know how it is in this matter.

In behalf of my pastoral charge,

Very respectfully Yours

J. H. HOFFMAN."

Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., Ohio.

Your Committee are satisfied that there can be but one rational opinion in reference to the subject of the above communication. It is to be regretted that any *one* of the very *numerous* liberal donators to our Seminary, should have impressions regarding its objects and government which a little reflection must convince them are erroneous. When however these errors are the result neither of the misrepresentations nor the concealments of those having charge of the Institution and its interests, the Institution certainly ought not to suffer from them, and the subscribers ought not and *cannot* throw off the

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* Note—The Secretary conceives himself to be under the necessity to say that he arrived at the residence of Br. Hoffman, as Agent for the Seminary, about the end of January 1841. The English Synod had convened at Zanesville about the first of Nov. 1840, consequently nearly three months before. The Minutes of the Constitutional English Synod, which remained in connection with the Joint Synod of Ohio, had been already printed in December, and Br. Hoffman was in possession of them when I arrived at his residence. These Minutes contain a forcible Declaration, in which the principal reason and argument against a seperation from the Joint Synod of Ohio is stated to be, that the English Synod would thereby renounce and lose all right to participate in the Election of Directors, and in the government of the Seminary, because the Constitution of the Seminary expressly requires, that the Board of Directors shall be elected by the German Synod of Ohio, and that therefore none but those who are in connection with that Synod can, according to the Constitution, have any right either to the property or the Directorship of the Institution. Br. Hoffman was well acquainted with all this ere I arrived in his Congregations; for he himself gave me a copy of the above named Minutes, and we conversed extensively upon the subject, and expressed our mutual regret that the seperation occurred. Br. Hoffman and his whole Congregation at Washingtonville, can also well recollect, that before they subscribed for the Seminary, and when I had laid before them my subscription book, several Members propounded to me publicly before the whole Congregation a number of questions, to satisfy themselves concerning the Seminary before they subscribed; all of which questions I publicly answered. Among others, questions like the following were proposed, "Whether Professor Schaeffer understood good English? Whether he was a pious Man? Whether true Christianity and piety was inculcated in that Institution? Whether the English Language was not kept down? &c. &c." After I had patiently answered all those questions, they subscribed. and indeed the Members appeared to be very willing. I was also assured by several with whom I afterwards more particularly conversed on the subject, that the Board of Directors might calculate with certainty upon the payment of their subscriptions. And now after all this, a letter like the above, signed by Br. Hoffman, is sent to the Synod! Is not this somewhat strange? Is not the excuse or the reproach which it contains, remarkable? How are we to understand this matter?" SECRETARY.

responsibility which they have voluntarily assumed. Upon the faith of these subscriptions the Directors have entered into heavy contracts for the erection of additional buildings, and we would appeal to the christian feelings and moral sentiments of the writer of the above letter and the members of his charge to say, whether it would be right for the subscribers to repudiate their voluntarily incurred obligations, and leave the Directors to be crushed? We believe there is too much moral honesty and too high a regard for the claims of moral obligation in the breasts of the writer and his members, to take such a stand. Of their responsibility in a legal point of view there cannot be a doubt.

But how stands the matter with regard to the election of Directors? Did not the writer of the above communication know when he "urged his congregations to subscribe" for the Institution, that the Synod to which he formerly belonged, had, at their Convention in Zelionople Pennsylvania, in the year 1833, adopted a Constitution for the Seminary? Did he not know that the 3rd Article and section 1. of that Constitution contained this clause, to wit: "The Directors shall be elected exclusively by the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, and that by ballot at a General Convention of this Synod." Did he not as an active and watchful member of that Synod, know that the Legislature of Ohio incorporated the Institution by the title of "The German Lutheran Seminary of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States," and that said act of Incorporation contains the following clause viz: "The German Lutheran Synod shall have the power to elect at their regular Convention, eight Directors and such Officers as they may think necessary for the government of the Institution &c." If he knew these facts and omitted to state them to his Congregations, was it the fault of those having charge of the Institution? If he did not know them, and neglected to enquire from those who could and would have given him every information concerning them, was it his own omission, or that of the Directors? We leave it to him and his Congregations to decide these questions. That they refer to *facts on record*, to which he might easily have had access, is a truth which cannot be controverted.

But leaving all this out of the question, what are the suggestions of reason and justice with regard to the matter? The writer certainly knew that the Synod of Ohio was composed of three branches, which meet in General Convention triennially—that whatever rights they might have in their individual or separate capacity, business which concerned the whole Synod could only be transacted in a General Convention of the three branches—that the Directors of the Seminary can *only* be elected in such General Convention—that as part of that General Convention, the Members of the English Branch were entitled to equal rights and privileges with those of the German Branches, and consequently to vote for Directors of the Seminary. He must have known that none of the *branches*, either German or English could elect Directors in its separate capacity, and that as a matter of course, a secession of any one of these Branches or parts thereof, from the Joint Synod, must necessarily deprive the seceeding members of any participation in the Government of the Seminary. *The resignation of their Membership in the Joint Synod, necessarily carries with it a resignation of the right of participation in the government of that Institution.* We consider the matter altogether too plain to require another word to illustrate it, and we are not a little surprized that persons of intelligence and education did not clearly perceive it previous to the seperation, and that they find any difficulty in understanding it now.

We wish however further to state, that although the writer and his Congregation cannot as members of the "Independent Synod" participate in the government of the Seminary, they undoubtedly have the privilege of having suitable young men educated there for the Gospel Ministry upon the same terms with the other Theological Students, and in this way may still enjoy all the advantages of the Institution with the Joint Synod,excepting a participation in its Government. Large sums have been subscribed, and liberal donations made by members of other denominations of Christians in this State and part of Pennsylvania, yet none of them we presume, have ever thought of refusing payment, on the ground that they are not permitted to participate in the

election of Directors. With these views we submit for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Directors of our Seminary at Columbus, can, under the the Constitution, be elected *only*, by the Joint Synod of Ohio.

Resolved, That we cheerfully extend the advantages of acquiring an education for the Gospel Ministry in our Seminary, to all suitable young men whom the Independent English Synod of Ohio may wish to send there, upon the same terms with all other Students of the Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MANNING,
L. HEYL,
J. OVERHOLT. } Committee.

Resolved. That this Report and the Resolutions be adopted.

Adjourned—Prayer by Schweitzerbarth.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, Afternoon, 1 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Br. Pence.

The subject of publishing an English religious paper was taken up and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod publish a weekly religious paper, in the English language, to be entitled "*The Lutheran Standard*," which shall be the property of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbus.

Resolved, That a Business Committee shall be appointed consisting of three members, whose term of service shall be one year, to conduct the business matters pertaining to the said periodical. Said committee shall act under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Seminary at Columbus as their agents. The said Board is hereby authorized to fill all vacancies in said committee.

Resolved, That all the ministers belonging to this Synod are requested to solicit in their congregations loans of five dollars and upwards, payable in five years with legal interest, for the purpose of purchasing a printing establishment, and of furthering this undertaking. For the respective sums thus loaned, the ministers, as the agents of the Board of Directors shall give their certificates.

Resolved, That each minister shall report the results of his agency as soon as possible to the Business Committee.

Resolved, That *Rev. E. Greenwald*, be the Editor of the Lutheran Standard, and that he receive a salary of $300 for his services out of the profits of the paper.

Resolved, That the Editor shall issue a Prospectus without delay, and send one or more copies to each Minister of this, and other Lutheran Synods, in the United States, for the purpose of obtaining subscribers.

Resolved, That the "Lutheran Standard" shall be published in New Philadelphia, Ohio, in folio form, for the subscription price of two dollars in advance.

The Board of Directors appointed Hon. John Everhard, Hon. Peter Williams, and Jacob Overholt, Esq., all of New Philadelphia, to constitute the Business Committee to publish the "Lutheran Standard."

Resolved, That the English Minutes of the Proceedings of this Sy-

nod, and 3000 copies of the Lutheran Catechism in the English language, be printed in the Printing Office of the Lutheran Standard; and, as soon as practicable, a new edition of the English Lutheran Hymn Book.

Resolved, That 5 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, be sent to each Lutheran Synod in the United States, standing in friendly relation to this body.

Adjourned, until Friday morning. Prayer by Br. Muller.

This evening a meeting of the Education Society was held in the Court House. See Appendix.

NINTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, morning 7 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by Br. Melsheimer.

On motion,

Resolved, That we regret, that the introduction of New Measures has produced a division in the Lutheran Church, as we long apprehended, and that we would caution all our churches to examine those measures well before they introduce them.

Resolved, That the conscientious, beautiful and expeditious manner in which the committee, appointed to compile and publish a New Liturgy, have discharged their duties, is gratefully acknowledged, and the production of their labors joyfully welcomed, and that we in an especial manner express our gratitude to Rev. Dr. Demme, the chairman of said committee, for his arduous and valuable labors.

Resolved, That the Liturgy be generally introduced within the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to Br. Wagenhals the member of the committee from this Synod, for the faithful performance of his duty, and that his travelling expenses to the city of Philadelphia be paid by this Synod.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod be printed in the German language, and 1200 in the English language.

Resolved, That Rev. H. P. R. Miller be appointed Delegate to attend the next Convention of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That Rev. H. E. Melsheimer be appointed Delegate to attend the next meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That we now proceed to elect the place for the next meeting of this Synod.

Lancaster Ohio was chosen as the place, and the Saturday before Trinity Sunday 1843, as the time of our next Convention.

Each of the District Synods held a separate election for the time and place of its next Convention, which resulted as follows:

The Western District will meet on Trinity Sunday 1843 at Somerset, Ohio.

The English Synod at Circleville, on the 3d Sunday in May, 1843.

The Eastern District at Erie Pennsylvania on Thursday Evening before the last Sunday in September 1843.

On Motion,

Resolved, That Candidate Charles Adam be appointed to Missionate for two months in the Counties of Lucas, Wood, and Hancock, and if he can succeed in entering into an engagement with Congregations in those Counties, to labor as their Minister, he be permitted to do so.

Resolved, That the Committee that had been appointed at the Convention of the Ohio Synod at Columbus to draft a Constitution for a Representative Joint Synod, be, at their own request, discharged.

Resolved, That Mr. Isensee, receive $15 out of the Synodical Treasury toward his support.

Resolved, That the Synod do now adjourn to convene again at Lancaster Ohio, on Trinity Sunday A. D. 1843.

The President pronounced the Synodical Convention adjourned, and in some impressive remarks urged the brethren to fidelity in the service of their Divine Master, and on bended knees concluded with a fervent prayer.

TABLE
of
Parochial Reports and Collections for the Synodical Treasury, for 1842.

FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS.	Cong.	Bapt.	Conf.	Comm.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Sunday Schools	Collections. $	cts.
Rev. STAUCH,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" ESPICH,	1	10	—	25	—	—	—	—	—
" LEIST,	6	141	—	301	10	12	4	6	87
" A. HENKEL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" HEINCKE,	5	120	43	912	32	17	—	5	50
" SCHUH,	4	64	—	203	5	5	2	2	50
" KAEMMERER,	3	53	58	486	18	11	1	12	87
" WAGENHALS,	3	103	63	1256	22	—	3	25	—
Prof. SCHAEFFER,	1	94	33	350	25	—	2	9	—
Rev. KLEIN,	4	118	51	456	—	—	1	—	—
" ROSENMILLER,	4	66	54	239	23	24	—	3	—
" GRUBER,	7	97	14	713	19	19	—	10	67
" CRANZ, for 1841 and 1842.	5	71	39	550	11	9	—	11	59
" RIEMENSCHNEIDER,	1	25	10	184	—	—	—	—	—
" COLOREDO,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	22
" PENCE,	6	37	—	182	8	—	—	7	75

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS	Cong	Bapt.	Conf.	Comm.	Deaths	Marriages.	Sunday Schools	Collecotins $	cts.
Rev. SPIELMAN,	7	135	103	1000	19	28	3	34	—
" " Collection for 1841								26	59
" KUNERT,	4	45	28	325	6	5	—	—	—
" BEILHARZ,	10	43	—	273	12	3	1	—	—
" CLAPP,	—	75	41	754	16	—	—	11	—
" LINK,	4	23	7	230	11	10	—	3	50
" KRAUS,	9	122	67	807	12	10	4	17	50
" SPENGLER,	8	69	18	284	7	2	—	7	81
" FUHRMAN,	1	66	25	747	46	17	3	3	—
" LEHMAN,	7	75	—	677	16	13	—	30	55
" FRANKENBERG,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" DONER,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT.									
" HUET,	5	81	73	584	14	6	—	8	66
" WEYGANDT,	8	55	—	558	16	12	1	27	—
" STECK,	6	192	93	1453	21	40	2	25	—
" MECHLING,	9	80	50	1062	17	11	2	14	27
" SCHWEITZERBARTH,	—	76	102	1137	6	14	2	38	92
" FAST,	3	25	—	348	6	14	—	5	40
" MELSHEIMER,	8	50	—	600	11	16	—	14	25
" ROTHACKER,	5	70	41	500	12	15	3	11	60
" KUCHLER,	3	28	—	416	4	9	2	7	57
" HOLSCHE,	5	24	—	236	7	12	—	7	87

Rev. BECKER,	7	124	65	907	21	11	1	8	—
" MULLER,	1	18	10	250	9	12	1	—	50
" POPE,	4	42	18	212	12	5	2	13	79
" ZIMMERMAN,	4	30	31	228	2	2	—	8	20
" S. BARTHOLOMEW,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" WEILLS,*	3	26	31	269	9	10	1	7	—
" ROOF,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
" GREENWALD,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	50
	171	2593	1168	19,714	482	374	41	462	45

Paid by Rev. Amos Bartholomew, Treasurer of the English Synod, $27 88

The Rev. D. Rothacker exhibited a receipt for $56, paid by Rev. H. E. Melsheimer, Treasurer of the Eastern District Synod. 56 00

Paid by Rev. J Leist into the Treasury, 84 39

Total paid into the Synodical Treasury, $630 72

*As the English Synod held its Convention but a few months ago, at which the English members reported an account of their Parochial duties, there were therefore, no reports returned to this Synod, with the exception of Br. Weills'.

MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

TUESDAY 2 o'clock P. M.

The Ministerium convened. The President appointed an Examination Committee to examine the applicants, and to hold a Colloquium with Rev. Mr. Beilharz, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Weygandt, Steck, Cranz, Prof. Schæffer, Fast, Schweitzerbarth and Greenwald.

WEDNESDAY 9 o'clock A. M.

The Ministerium convened. The Examination Committee reported favorably in reference to Rev. Mr. Beilharz. On motion of the Committee,

Resolved, That Rev. J. J. Beilharz be received a member of this Ministerium.

WEDNESDAY Evening.

The Ministerium convened.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Candidates, Link, Spengler, Pope, and Kraus; and Catechet Doner; and the Applicants Dr. Bierdeman, Hordorf, Isensee, Adam, Gast, and Henning be examined.

THURSDAY Morning 11 o'clock.

The Ministerium convened.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Licenses of the Candidates Fuhrman, Lehman, Frankenburg, Samuel Bartholomew and Abr. Bartholomew be renewed for one year.

The Examination Committee reported that they had examined the Candidates Pope, Spengler, Kraus and Link, and Catechet Doner, and the Applicants Bierdeman, Gast, Hordorf, Isensee, Adam, and Henning, and recommended that the Candidates Pope, Spengler, Kraus and Link be ordained, that Catechet Doner, and the applicants Bierdeman, Gast, Hordorf, Isensee and Adam, receive Candidate License, and Richard Henning receive a Catechet License.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. Mr. Cranz preached the Ordination Sermon from Acts 20: 28. to a large audience. After sermon the candidates for Ordination appeared before the Altar and were solemnly ordained to the Holy office of the Ministry by the "laying on of the hands" of the Officers of the Synod, aided by Fathers Weygandt and Leist. The President read to the young brethren who were admitted to the Office of Candidates, their duties, and their Licenses were handed to them by the Secretary.

FRIDAY 11 o'clock A. M.

The Ministerium convened.

The complaint against Candidate Zimmerman was considered. Br. Zimmerman was called before the Ministerium, and acknowleged with much apparent penitence the truth of the charges against him. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That his License be renewed for one year; and that he be earnestly admonished before the whole Ministerium by Father

Leist, to manifest his penitence for his past error, by exhibiting in future a truly pious life, and a devoted zeal in the service of the Lord.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the Ministerium do now adjourn.

The above are correct Minutes of the Proceedings of the Synodical and Ministerial Conventions held at Canton in Trinity week A. D. 1842.

Attest

C. SPIELMAN.---*Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Proceedings of the Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ohio.

THURSDAY, May 25 1842, 8 o'clock A. M.

The meeting of the Society was opened with prayer by the President.

An election for officers was now held, according to the requirements of the Constitution, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. Leist, President.
" C. G. Schweizerbarth, Vice President.
" E Greenwald, Secretary,
John Leist, Esq. Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. M. J. Steck,	Mr. G. Hammel,
" J. Manning,	" P. Overmeyer,
" P. Pence,	" L. Heyl,
" Amos Bartholemew,	" P. Brobst,

An Examining Committee, to examine those young men who may make application for support from the Society, was elected, consisting of

Rev. J. A. Roof,	Rev. J. Manning,
" C. Spielman,	" J. Wagenhals,

Dr. Borestler.

On motion,

Resolved, That each applicant, before he can be received upon the funds of this Society, shall exhibit a recommendation from this Committee, and a written pledge according to the 6th and 7th Articles of the Constitution.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From M. Nigh, Esq., former Treasurer, (of which, however, $5 00 is uncurrent money.) - - - -	$188 91
From the Western District Synod, by Rev. Wagenhals, - -	10 00
From the Eastern District, by Rev. Schweizerbarth, - - -	55 00
From the Western District, by Rev. Lehman, - - -	39 40
An Order on the Treasurer of the Western District Synod, by the President for - - - - - - - - -	50 00
Total Receipts,	$343 31

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out to Beneficiaries,	
To J. Zimmerman, - - - - - -	$ 6 43
To Edwin Melsheimer, - - - - -	15 00
To Prof. Schaeffer for Students, - - - -	50 00
" " - - - -	50 00
To Rev. Pence for Students, - - - -	20 00
Total Expenditures,	141 43

Balance in the Treasury including the order on the Western District Synod, $201 87

JOHN LEIST, *Treasurer.*

Prof. SCHÆFFER'S REPORT.

Received for the Education Society,

1841 June 12, from Rev. E. Greenwald	$7 00
" Nov. 8, From Rev. C. Spielman,	54 00
" Nov. 17, From Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, Harrisburgh, Pa.	10 00
1842 Jan. 9, From Mr. N. Snotes	2 00
" " 22, From Mr. Strobel, Baltimore, Md.	20 00
" " 29, From the Eastern District Synod, by Rev. J. Mechling,	56 00
" May 26, From the same	14 50
	$164 00
Paid out to indigent Students	137 31
Balance in my hands, May 27,	$26 68

CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER.

On Tuesday Evening a public meeting of the Society had been held in the German Church in Canton. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Leist. The Rev. C. Spielman, and Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller addressed the meeting; the former in the German, and the latter in the English language. After which the handsome sum of $74,55 was paid in by the members of the Synod, and other persons present. (For the want of room the names of the worthy donors cannot be given.)

Amount collected	$74,55
Sent by Rev. Heincke	2,50
Sent by Rev. Fuhrman	2,00
From the Congregations of Rev. Kuhn	7,00
" " " Beilharz	11,66
" " " M. J. Steck	10,00
" " " G. Clapp	11,00
Collection in the Court-house in Canton on Thursday Evening after an address by Rev. J. A. Roof	10,20
Total	$128,91

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COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Collected in Louisville by Rev. W. F. Lehmann.	$17,34
Paid by Rev. Heincke.	2,00
" " Leist	2,00
" " Wagenhals	1,00
" Prof. Schaeffer	1,00
" Rev. Gruber	1,00
" " Rosenmiller	1,00
" " Clapp	1,00
" " Link	2,00
" " Kraus	1,34
" " Fuhrman	1,00
" " Lehman	1,00
Unknown Friends	2,25
Mr. Hahn	25
" " Rodeheffer	25
" " Landis	50
" Beaver Church in Green co. by Mr. Hanes	4,00
" Rev. Greenwald	1,00
Total	$39,49

CONSTITUTION.

Of the German Lutheran Seminary of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio and the adjacent States.—[Translation.]

Article I.

Introduction.—As man has been endowed by his wise and merciful Creator with mental faculties which no other creatures on earth possess, and which admit of an unlimited development and culture, as he also possesses an immortal soul which is to be qualified in this life for the enjoyment of the blessedness of heaven, and as the Christian religion imperatively demands fidelity and diligence in all our efforts to culti ate our minds, in order that we may be made free by the Spirit, and worship God in spirit and in truth, we therefore, believe that it is essential to the present and eternal happiness of man, that his mind should be supplied with spiritual nourishment through the medium of instruction, even as the body is supported and nourished by its appropriate food.

The great object of cultivating the mind can at no period of life be so successfully attained as in the season of youth, when, by the wise arrangement of the Creator, the mind can most readily imbibe instruction; it hence becomes a duty to employ all proper means by which useful knowledge may be imparted to the rising generation.

Now the cause of education cannot be effectually promoted, unless well qualified and skillful teachers are carefully trained for their high office and sent forth, in order to cause their light to shine before men, and to exert a salutary influence on the education of the young. If useful knowledge is to be imparted, teachers must necessarily be provided who are capable of instructing, for otherwise "the blind will lead the blind, and both shall fall into the ditch."

Enlightened men in all ages have recognized these truths, and every genuine philanthropist whose views were sufficiently comprehensive and clear to enable him to form a correct opinion of the true interests of men, has endeavored to promote the cause of education by assisting, directly or indirectly, in training well qualified teachers. Our Saviour himself exhibited the importance and necessity of mental and moral education in a most impressive manner. When he came into this world to deliver men from the bondage of sin and from darkness, and to redeem them, he came as the light of the world, in order that man might not walk in darkness. He came from Heaven to be our teacher, and manifested a divine wisdom which the world neither knew nor understood.

In order to complete the work of redemption he not only assumed the office of a teacher himself, but also selected twelve apostles and seventy disciples whom he trained for the work of spreading his light and truth throughout the world. After the Son of God, who was himself the best, wisest and most excellent teacher, had occupied a period of perhaps three years in qualifying his disciples for the office of teachers of the christian religion, he sent them into the world after his resurrection, in order to teach, or to preach the Gospel, and to receive

members into the church by the administration of the holy Sacraments, and to establish them in the truth.

[Such facts have influenced our minds in our present course, in which we have been confirmed by the following considerations:] we desire to be faithful and conscientious followers of our divine Master, we consider ourselves to be under an obligation to observe all the institutions which proceeded from him, and we regard them as essential to the happiness of mankind; further, we perceive from the course pursued by the apostles and the primitive Christians, that they regarded the education of teachers of religion as an object of the highest importance, and worthy of their personal and uninterrupted labors, and that, at an early period, schools designed for the education of teachers of religion were established at Alexandria in Egypt, at Antioch in Syria, and subsequently in other places, from motives suggested by the usefulness of such institutions; we are, besides taught by ecclesiastical history that an educated ministry was of the utmost importance to the preservation of the doctrines of Christ in their purity, and that, in the age of the Reformation an educated ministry released the pure Gospel from the mass of superstitions by which it was oppressed; and, finally, we are convinced that an educated ministry, when influenced by correct principles and actively engaged in communicating sound instruction is one of the most powerful means for counteracting the influence of fanaticism, superstition, infidelity and every corruption of Christianity in this highly favored land, and for imparting to our congregations the pure and invigorating doctrines of the Gospel, and, in general, for enabling the children of our beloved German brethren in this country, to acquire a knowledge of all that can promote their present and eternal peace.

As we entertain these views, we consider it to be a solemn christian duty, to promote the education of young men who design to enter the ministry, and of those who desire to be teachers, by the establishment of a German Theological Seminary; and while we entertain the hope of promoting by such means the cause of education in general, it is our prayer that our divine Redeemer may accept of our feeble services, and enable us to contribute to the prosperity of the church.

Article II.

OBJECTS OF THE SEMINARY.

The objects of the German Theological Seminary which we have established, and which is now located at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, are exhibited in the Minutes of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held at Zanesville, A. D. 1830, when this Seminary was first established, and in the document which was deposited in the (N. E.) corner stone of the Seminary edifice, August 15, A. D. 1832; they are as follows:

Section 1. As this Seminary is, and shall continue to be, a German Institution, its chief object shall be to educate young men for the Ministry in the German Lutheran Church, and to educate German Teachers of Schools, so that both the interests of our Church and

the education of Germans in general may be promoted, and a knowledge of the language and literature of Germany may be diffused.

Sect. 2. This Institution is also designed to furnish advantages to other citizens, by granting admission to the instructions imparted in it to all applicants, whether they are German or English, or connected with the Evangelical Lutheran or with any other Church: Provided that the great design of educating Germans in their own language, of training German Preachers and Teachers, and of preserving and extending the knowledge of the German language be not thereby frustrated in any degree, and provided also, that the Seminary shall continue to be a German Institution.

Sect. 3. It is also an object of this Institution to teach the doctrines of our Church in the Theological course, pure and unadulterated, as they are contained in the Augsburg Confession and in our other [Standards or] Symbolical books, and to facilitate the studies of Theological Students and of those who design to be Teachers; in proportion to the means of the Institution.

Article III.

OFFICERS OF THE SEMINARY.

Section 1. *General regulations.* § *a.* The Seminary shall be placed under the superintendence and control of a Board of Directors, consisting of eight members, to wit: four Ministers and four Laymen, five of whom shall form a quorum and be authorized to transact business.

§ *b.* The Directors shall be elected by ballot, exclusively by the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, at the general Meeting of said Synod. Four Directors shall be appointed triennially, who shall serve six years, so that after each period of three years, the term of service of four of the eight Directors will have expired, and consequently four others be appointed. When a vacancy shall occur in the Board, during the intermediate time, the remaining members shall be authorized to supply it until the regular election shall be held. Any director, whose term of service has expired, may be re-elected as often as the Synod shall determine.

§ *c.* The Board of Directors shall elect from their own body a President, a Secretary and a responsible Treasurer; they shall, in the absence of an officer at any meeting, supply his place by a temporary appointment, and shall appoint all Committees.

§ *d.* The Directors, both as a Board, and as individuals, shall be responsible to the Synod for their official acts, and the Synod reserves the right of dismissing any Director and supplying his place by another individual, if said Director shall be found unfaithful to the Constitution or negligent in the discharge of his duty.

§ *e.* There shall be two regular meetings of the Board in each year, to wit: on the third Tuesday after Easter, and on the last Tuesday in September. Special Meetings of the Board may be held at any time, provided that a notice specially setting forth the business proposed to be transacted shall have been sent to all the Directors, six

weeks previous to the appointed time, by the Secretary or by any three members of the Board.

SECT. 2. *Qualifications of Directors.*—No one shall be elected as a Director unless he is favorably disposed towards the general objects of the Institution; but no Minister shall be elected as a Director who is not a Member of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, and who does not believe, teach and observe the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, as they are contained in the Symbolical books of said Church.

SECT. 3. *Powers of the Directors.*—The Board of Directors shall have the power,

§ *a.* To call Professors or Teachers, to examine them, and if the latter be found competent, to give them an official appointment, to determine the amount of their salary according to the state of the treasury, and to enlarge or diminish their number;

§ *b.* To admonish and direct the Teachers, to bring them to an account, and to appoint the subjects on which instruction shall be given, and the number of weekly recitations.

§ *c.* The Directors shall also have the power, either as a Board, or through a Committee appointed for that purpose, in connection with the Professors or Teachers, to admonish, correct or dismiss Students;

§ *d.* To receive and appropriate donations or legacies granted to the Institution;

§ *e.* To hold and superintend all the property of the Seminary, to improve it, or erect new buildings according to the state of the treasury,

§ *f.* And, finally, to make and introduce any by-laws which shall not be contrary to this Constitution.

SECT. 4. *Duties of the Directors.*—It shall be the duty of the Directors, both as a Board, and as individuals,

§ *a.* To make the observance of this Constitution an object of attention, in general, and, specially, to inspect the orthodoxy of the Professors, and the moral conduct of all who are connected with the Institution;

§ *b.* To superintend the ground and buildings belonging to the Seminary, preserve them from injury, and attend to such improvements of the same as may be necessary;

§ *c.* To attend the meetings of the Board as regularly as possible, and not to absent themselves without a sufficient excuse,

§ *d.* To make all possible exertions to provide for the support of the Teachers or Professors, and the payment of their salary;

§ *e.* And, finally, to present an annual report to the Synod on the state of the Seminary.

ARTICLE IV.

PROFESSORS OR TEACHERS OF THE SEMINARY.

SECTION 1. *Their qualifications.*—§ *a.* The Theological Professors shall be ordained Ministers of the German Lutheran Church, of acknowledged good standing in said Church, correctly understand the German language, and be qualified to teach and preach in the same. They shall, further, profess pure Lutheran principles, as they are

contained in the Symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and possess such other qualifications as are required by the general plan of the Seminary.

§ *b.* Teachers of the Languages and of Sciences may be Laymen, but shall exhibit a correct, moral conduct, and their doctrine and general deportment shall neither be opposed to the objects of the Institution, nor give offence in any other manner.

Sect. 2. *Duties of the Pofessors or Teachers.*—§ *a.* It shall be the duty of the Theological Professor to set forth the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in conformity to the orthodox faith, and to adhere strictly to the original and established usages of said Church in the instructions which they give concerning the mode of conducting public worship.

§ *b.* All the Teachers shall faithfully endeavour to furnish a good example by their own moral conduct.

§ *c.* Every Teacher shall pursue the course of Instruction prescribed by the Directors, and attend to such hours of recitation as the latter shall appoint.

§ *d.* The Teachers shall also regard the diligence and moral conduct of the Students as objects of their attention; exhort, admonish and correct them according to their judgment, and after willful and repeated offences, communicate the necessary information to the Directors.

Sect. 3. *Certain specifications respecting the Teachers.*—§ *a.* Charges against the Teachers of having violated their duty may be brought before the Directors, who shall be authorized to decide in all such cases.

§ *b.* When the Directors shall deem it necessary to dismiss a Teacher, he shall receive notice thereof six months before the period when such dismission shall take effect, and all arrears of salary shall be paid previous to his departure. The Directors shall nevertheless have the power to dismiss a Teacher after a previous notice of eight days, provided that they pay him the moiety of his yearly salary in addition to the arrears which may be due. A Teacher who may be convicted of having taught erroneous doctrines or of having committed immoral acts, or any other gross violations of this Constitution, may be immediately dismissed by the Directors without any indemnification, after they shall have paid him all arrears. On the other hand, a Teacher who intends to withdraw from the Institution, shall be obligated to give notice to the Directors of such intention six months prior to his removal; if he desires to withdraw at once, he shall forfeit the moiety of his yearly salary, unless both parties consent to an immediate separation.

Article V.

OF THE STUDENTS.

Section 1. *Of their admission*—§ *a.* The conditions on which Students of Theology shall be admitted are: that they produce testimonials of their former good conduct, and, are able to read and write

in the German Language.* Other pupils are required to furnish a recommendation or testimonial of their former good conduct.

§ *b.* After a Student shall have been admitted, the Teachers shall read in his presence and that of the other Students, the duties which they are required to fulfil, after which he shall pledge himself to observe them faithfully.

§ *c.* Such pupils as design to be neither Preachers nor Teachers, may be admitted or dismissed at the option of the Teachers, who shall, however, be responsible to the Directors for the course which they may pursue in such cases.

SECT. 2. *Duties of the Students.*—§ *a. General duties.* 1. Every Student, both during the recitation hours and in the intervals, shall employ his time in a conscientious manner, and prepare his recitations with diligence and attention.

2. He shall be attentive and silent during the hours of instruction, from none of which he shall either be absent, or retire before their close, without permission.

3. He shall render due obedience to the directions of the Teachers, particularly to those which refer to his studies or conduct.

§ *b. Special duties,*—1. Students of Theology, and those who design to qualify themselves to be Teachers, shall faithfully strive to exhibit a christian and correct deportment.

2. All connection with company that may tempt to sin, or injuriously affect those who keep it, especially in the evening, is hereby forbidden altogether, and all Students of Theology and other individuals designing to be Teachers, shall be obligated to give an account of the manner in which they spend their time, to the the Teachers, when the latter require it, and to abstain from all company which the latter may prohibit, provided that the Directors have not given permission in special cases.

3. No Student of Theology or other individual designing to be a Teacher shall be absent from the public worship of his Church without a sufficient excuse.

4. Every Student or pupil residing in the buildings of the Seminary shall be in his room at six o'clock, P. M. in the Winter [session] and at nine o'clock, P. M. in the Summer [session] and shall not be absent at a later hour without the special permission of the Teacher. Any individual who transgresses this law, and will not conform after he has been admonished, shall no longer reside in the buildings.

SECT. 3. *Of the dismission of Students.*—§ *a.* Students who have completed a regular course of Studies shall always receive a testimonial from the Principal in reference to their acquirements, their diligence and their moral conduct.

§ *b.* Students who desire to withdraw previous to the completion of their course, shall receive a similar testimonial, which shall, in ad-

* NOTE. It has always been the practice in the Institution to give Students who are unacquainted with the German, daily instruction in that language in the preparatory department.

dition, state the period of time during which they received instruction in the Seminary.

§ c. Students who transgress the rules established by the Constitution, or any constitutional regulations of the Directors or Professors, and, after repeated admonitions, will not conform, shall be dismissed from the Institution by the Teachers and a committee appointed by the Directors for that purpose. This committee in connection with the Teachers shall proceed to the immediate expulsion of any who have been guilty of gross offences.

Article VI.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS.

Section 1. *Of the Course of Study, examinations and vacations.* The annual course of study shall embrace two sessions. The lectures of the winter session shall uniformly commence on the second Monday in November, and continue till the close of the third week after Easter; an examination shall then be held in the presence of the Directors, which shall be followed by a vacation of six weeks. The lectures of the summer session shall commence on the second Monday after Trinity Sunday, and continue till the last week in September, when an examition shall again be held in the presence of the Directors, and be followed by a vacation of six weeks.

Sect. 2. *Of the tuition fees.*—The tuition fees shall be fixed by the Directors according to the state of the Treasury of the Seminary, but shall be as moderate as possible, in order that the institution may be as extensively useful as possible.

Sect. 3. *Of the Library.*—The Library which has already been procured, and which shall be enlarged, as well by donations of books from Germany, as by the purchase of books by the Directors as far as the state of the treasury of the Seminary will allow, is designed for the use of the Professors and Students of this institution, and its use shall be governed by such regulations as the Directors may establish.

Sect. 4. *Of the language in which the lectures shall be delivered.*—The principal lectures (Hauptlehrvortraege) given in the Seminary, shall and must be delivered, unalterably in all future times in the German language.*

Sect. 5. *Of the landed property, and the objects to which it is appropriated.*—The grounds which are owned by the Seminary, consisting of ten acres lying south of the city of Columbus, together with all the buildings which have been, and which shall hereafter be, erected

*Extract from the minutes (page 18) of the third General meeting of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held at Columbus, May, A. D. 1839. "Declaration—That this Synod not only considers it to be constitutional to give instructions in the Seminary, also through the medium of the English language, which course has indeed been heretofore observed, but also deems it to be necessary and useful to appoint for this purpose a second professor, who may meet this claim, on condition, however, that the instructions given in the German language be not thereby superseded." All the lectures, accordingly, are delivered in both languages in the Seminary, by which course alone the claims made upon the Professors or Teachers can be met.

thereon, shall remain unalienably in all future times the property of the Seminary described in this constitution, and shall be administered for the benefit of said Seminary, and the promotion of its general objects.

SEC. 6. *Conditions on which special points in this Constitution may be altered.*—No specifications in this Constitution shall be altered unless one year previous to any alteration, an alteration shall have been declared necessary by a Synodical resolution, and unless, thereupon, the special points which it is proposed to alter shall have been published in the Synodical proceedings, together with the proposed alteration.—If, afterwards, at the next regular Synodical meeting two-thirds of all the members of the whole German Lutheran Synod of Ohio shall vote in favor of the alteration which had been published a year before, such alteration shall be valid. Nevertheless, the last two points, to wit, that the principal lectures shall be delivered, unalterably in all future times, in the German language, and, that the grounds already purchased, together with the buildings which have been, and which shall hereafter be, erected thereon, shall always remain, unalienably, the property of the Seminary, and shall be administered for the promotion of its several objects, shall never be altered or abolished.

That this Constitution of the Seminary was prepared by the Board of Directors, after mature consideration, at a meeting in Columbus, on the twenty-fourth day of April and the following days, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and is now submitted to the Reverend Synod for their approval and ratification, is hereby testified by the members of the Board of Directors, present.

JACOB LEIST, *President.*

JOHN WAGENHALS, *Sec'ry.*

MICHAEL NIGH.
CHRISTIAN HEYL, } *Members.*
JOHN LEIST.